

**380.83****Staff Referrals for Peer Counseling****Overview**

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**Introduction** All local WIC agency staff will inform pregnant and breastfeeding women of the Peer counseling services available and encourage them to participate. Interested participants will be referred to the program using the WIC electronic data system.

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**Procedure** The table below describes how local agency staff members make a referral to the breastfeeding peer counselor program.

Stage	Description
1	The WIC nurse or dietitian describes the peer counselor program to pregnant participants and asks if they are interested in being assigned a peer counselor.
2	If the participant is interested in the peer counselor program, this will be documented in the electronic data system.
3	The local agency Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assigns a peer counselor to the pregnant participant, and</li><li>• Will be responsible for checking the WIC electronic data system on a routine basis for referrals.</li></ul>

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